

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
AUGUST 12, 2014**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member David Prechtel	Present

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm. Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang was absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 22, 2014 and a memorandum of an executive session held on July 22, 2014. Thereafter, a motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Board members reviewed the claims from July 4, 2014 through August 7, 2014. Thereafter, a motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

STREET CLOSURES FOR BAND CONTEST

Brian Ketzner, representing the Jasper High School band parents, said they will be hosting a band contest on October 11, 2014 at Alumni Stadium. There will be approximately 25 bands participating. They want permission to close Scott Rolen Drive and Second Street from east of the IGA store to Clay Street from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. One lane of 5th Street in front of the school will

remain open. They also want to close the Schroeder Complex parking lot to the general public as well as use the street and park maintenance areas for music warm up. The plan is the same as in past years.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit the Jasper High School band parents to close Second Street and Scott Rolan Drive for their event on October 11, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Craig Hannenman, representing the Jasper Lions Club, asked permission to use two shelter houses and the Buehler Plaza area on May 31, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the annual strawberry festival that will be held in conjunction with Old Jasper Day events.

A motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to allow the event to occur on May 31, 2015. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD JASPER DAYS

Nancy Eckerle, representing the Jasper Chamber of Commerce, asked permission to use the Buehler Plaza area, the gazebo and shelter house #3 on May 31, 2015 for Old Jasper Day events such as a concert, Suds Club homebrew making demonstrations, Patoka 2000 duck race, and Will Read and Sing for Food presentation. She also asked the City to waive the rental fees.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to permit the Chamber of Commerce to do the Old Jasper Day events and waive the rental fee. Motion carried 3-0.

Since the brew making by the Suds Club is a new event and involves beer, the board members said they want that group to come before this board separately.

SEAL COAT BOULEVARD WALL

Jane Balsmeyer, representing German American, said they hired a contractor, Accent Limestone, who will put a coat sealer on the German American Boulevard wall this Thursday. She asked permission to have the sprinkler turned off and have access to City power and water.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to permit German American to seal the wall at the boulevard on August 14, 2014. Motion carried 3-0.

STREET CLOSURES

City Engineer Chad Hurm said the contractor is going to start on the Obing Strasse storm sewer project next week. He asked permission to close Obing Strasse, Bern Strasse, Baden Strasse, and Rhine Strasse as needed during the construction of the project.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to close Obing Strasse, Bern Strasse, Baden Strasse, and Rhine Strasse as needed beginning next week. Motion carried 3-0.

DOCUMENT CENTER

Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies asked permission to purchase a document center that consists of a color copier, printer, scanner, and fax machine from Hoosier Business Machines for \$7,996.00. Hoosier Business Machines secured government pricing therefore other quotes did not need to be obtained. Knies said he will see if any of the other departments want the current copier.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to purchase the digital color printer/fax/copier/scanner from Hoosier Business Machines for \$7,996.00. Motion carried 3-0.

STATE SALT BID

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said he received from the State the results of the salt bids for the 2014-15 winter season. The price is \$72.99 per ton which is \$11.48 per ton above last year's price. The City uses an average of 1100 tons per year.

REPORTS

3rd Avenue paving project. Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said the concrete contractor for the sidewalks along 3rd Avenue cannot come until after Labor Day, weather permitting. The plan is to pave 3rd Avenue mid to late September if the sidewalks are completed prior to that time.

Twitter account. Police Chief J. Michael Bennett reported that the Jasper Police Department now has a Twitter account.

Strassenfest report. Police Chief J. Michael Bennett distributed a copy of the 2014 Strassenfest statistics report. He said it was relatively safe and peaceful.

Intern. Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey thanked Shelby Hettinger for working as an intern this summer. Tomorrow is her last day.

PERFORMANCE BOND RENEWAL

City Engineer Chad Hurm said Michael and Patricia Hochgesang, developers of the Timber Creek II subdivision, are asking permission to renew the subdivision performance bond and letter of credit that will expire September 1, 2014. The current amount of the bond and letter of credit is \$66,400.00.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to permit the renewal of the performance bond and letter of credit for Timber Creek II for \$66,400.00. Motion carried 3-0.

POLITICAL YARD SIGNS

David Prechtel commented that election yard signs seem to be out earlier than normal. He would like someone to see what the ordinance says about that type of sign. The ordinance used to say political signs could not be displayed more than 30 days before an election but that procedure had to be changed. City Attorney Renee Kabrick said it is very limited what the City can do. The City cannot be more restrictive than the State. Mayor Seitz suggested the board could encourage people to follow the 30-day window for displaying such signs.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections or clarification this 26th day of August, 2014.

Mayor Terry Seitz, Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer